

## Claims

I claim:

1. A process for selecting the best rap performer from a group of competitors, comprising the steps of:

- 5 a) providing an internet web site that is accessible to competitors interested in competing in a rap music competition and to observers interested in observing said competition;
- b) providing a registration function on said internet web site in which said competitors and observers input prescribed information and pay prescribed fees;
- c) providing a performance function on said web site for said competitors to input a rap  
10 entry comprising words, music or a combination thereof to said web site and to display said entry to each competitor and observer through a computer network and;
- d) providing a voting function for said competitors and observers to indicate a preferred competitor and to communicate said preference to said competitors and observers.

15 2. The process of claim 1 wherein said competitors use a microphone to input said rap entry.

3. The process of claim 2 wherein said competitors input a visual image showing their rap entry by transmitting a web cam video to said performance function.

4. The process of claim 1 wherein said prescribed information input during registration  
20 on said web site is stored in a data base.

5. The process of claim 4 wherein said information is analyzed to determine one or more geographic locations exhibiting a concentration of observers and competitors.

6. The process of claim 1 wherein said process further comprises a chat function wherein said competitors and observers are able to communicate with one or more other competitors and observers while logged onto said web site.
7. The process of claim 6 wherein said communication is by a text message board or an internet instant messaging system.
8. The process of claim 1 wherein a winning competitor is selected to receive at least one reward selected from the group consisting of an opportunity to participate in a live performance at a concert or a performance on television, money, merchandise, discounts and an opportunity to make a commercial recording.
9. A system for selecting rap musicians, said system comprising:
- a. at least two information processing terminals and at least one control station for connecting said information;
  - b. a means for participants to input an entry into said terminal and communicate said entry to other persons connected to said control station;
  - c. a means to store said entries in a computer and to provide access to other persons to view said entries;
  - d. a means for said other persons to input a rating of said entries; and
  - e. a means to communicate such ratings to the participants and the other persons.
10. The system of claim 9 further comprising a means for participants and other persons to register and enter information for collection on a central data base.

11. The system of claim 10 wherein said information includes information by which an administrator of said data base may collect a monetary fee from said participants and other persons.

5 12. The system of claim 9 wherein participants with the highest ratings receive as a prize an opportunity to communicate their entry to individuals outside of said system.

13. The system of claim 9 wherein said input means is selected from the group consisting of a keyboard, a mouse, a microphone, a camera and a digitizing tablet.

10 14. The system of claim 9 further comprising a conversation section that allows communication between a participant and one or more other persons connected to said system.